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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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"Highway 51"

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A Sermon for the New Year

"The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul."—Prov. 16:17.
"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."—Isa. 30:21.

Highway 51 is just ahead of us. There is not much time for maneuvering or changing the record made on Highway 50. The year 1950 is quickly passing out of sight. There have been heartaches and sorrows, births and deaths, ups and downs, mistakes and failures, but they are in the past. There have been days of victory, moments of joy, hours of contentment. For God's manifold blessings, we give our heartfelt thanks.

Now, with the Apostle Paul we should say, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." We need to turn from our failures and successes and press forward to do greater works for our Saviour. Let us remember the past only as it helps us avoid mistakes in the future.

Ahead of us is a road, made up of twelve months—fifty-two weeks—three hundred sixty-five days—8,760 hours—525,600 minutes—31,536,000 seconds. This road will have many turnings. It will lead up and down, but will always press forward as the days come and go and time marches on. Sometimes you will be called upon to climb steep mountains. At other times you will travel through deep valleys. Highway 51 will bring sadness and joy, reunion and separation—yes, even Heaven and Hell, for death will claim both the saved and the unsaved in the days ahead.

For a victorious journey over Highway 51, let me suggest some things you will need and some things you must do.

I. You Need A Guidebook

You need a book that has di-

rections for every day, comfort for every sorrow, a solution for every problem. We have such a Book—God's holy Word.

No person can journey victoriously through life, nor even a small part of life, without the Bible. The Bible is the world's most unique book. It has specific directions for every person in every situation. It matters not what may be a person's race or background, the Bible has the answer for this need.

In the New Year determine that you will read at least some in this book each day. If you read carefully and prayerfully, your soul will be fed, your feet will be directed, and your life will know abundant blessings.

Mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, read the Bible in the family circle. In the uncertain days of the future you will find God's Word to be a steady influence for your family and a constant guide in the affairs of the home.

What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a home where day is night;
Starless night, for o'er life's path-way

Heaven can shed no kindly light.

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Your Life's Most Important Question

By the late William Edward Biederwolf, D.D.

"What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"
—Matt. 27:22.

Pilate was what we call today a sail-trimmer. He had a string of cartilage where he ought to have had a backbone. He knew what he ought to do, but he was a weak-kneed, spineless mollusk in his moral nature, and he was afraid to do it.

It was Thursday night in Gethsemane, and Jesus was praying. And then the mob broke in upon Him. They placed the shackles on His wrists and led Him away to Pilate's courtroom where they presented Him as a political conspirator, a violator of Rome's most sacred law.

Pilate examined the man and said, "I find no fault in him." But he was met with a ferocious howl; with a storm of fury. "Why," they exclaimed, "this fellow has stirred up the whole country; you ought to give Him the limit; He ought to die."

And Pilate didn't know what to do. The poor man wanted to let Jesus go, but he hadn't the nerve. Then Pilate's wife came. She had been troubled in a dream.

While she slumbered God spoke to her. Just what God revealed we do not know, but He doubtless let her know that her husband was about to become involved in the world's greatest tragedy and greatest crime. She said, "Look here, husband, don't you get mixed up in this godless affair. I've been troubled in a dream about it. This is a good man. If the mob wants to murder Him, let it do so, but don't you redden your hands with innocent blood."

Now, Pilate had the good sense to listen to his wife, and he replied, "I'll tell you what we'll do. This is the time of year when some notorious prisoner must be released." That was done, as I understand it, as a commemoration of Israel's release out of Egypt. Pilate suggested, "We'll release Jesus."

But the mob said, "No! let Barabbas the robber go."

Then Pilate asked, "What shall I do with Christ?"

And like demons from the depths of Hell, they cried, "The cross! The cross! Let Him be crucified; you're no friend of Caesar if you don't!"

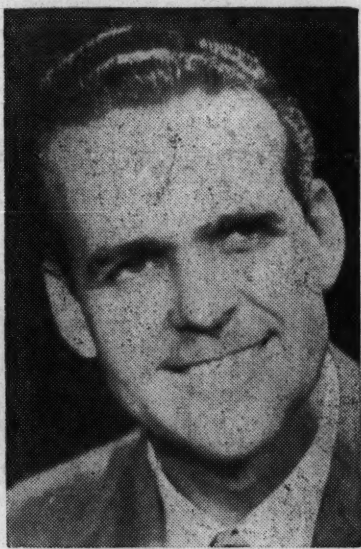
And when they said that they had him, Jesus had said He was a King, and Pilate knew that if he showed himself friendly to

Jesus his hopes for the governorship would go glimmering. And that was Pilate—poor, pussyfooting Pilate; he is about to furnish us an exhibition of the world's champion fence-straddler.

Yonder in prison lies Barabbas, the guilty robber; here stands Christ, the innocent Saviour. Now which shall it be? Tragic moment! Pilate's name might have come down the ages crowned with glory and honor, but he stands tonight in pillory as a monster of iniquity because as an unscrupulous politician he prostituted his official trust, sinned against the voice of God and his own conscience, and sacrificed the Son of God to the passions of an infuriated mob. If he had only said, "Jesus is innocent and you can't kill Him while I sit on the throne," the world would be singing doxologies of praise to his name today. If he had only stepped down from his throne, taken the crown from his own head, placed it on the brow of Jesus and wrapped his own purple robe about Him and said: "Take me and nail me to the cross, but let Jesus go," he would be walking with the worthiest of the world tonight! But he said, "Wait! Bring me a basin—a bowl of water; now I will pronounce the death sentence upon this man; I will deliver Him into your hands and you can crucify Him; but, see, I want to wash my hands of this whole affair; I will be innocent of the blood of this just man; now see ye to it."

When Pilate had washed his hands, he set Barabbas free and delivered Jesus to the crowd. They stripped Him and put on Him a

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Dr. Lee Roberson

God's Bugle Calls

By Charles T. Lampman, Managing Editor

"And if you go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets: and ye shall be remembered before the Lord your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies."—Num. 10:9.

When Moses led the children of Israel through the wilderness to the Promised Land, he made them observe strict army discipline, as a protection against their enemies, and also that the great host of men and women and children might readily and quickly obey his orders. They were divided into "tribes" or battalions, and companies, with proper leaders. Every night they pitched camp in an orderly manner and marched together instead of straggling by the way. All their movements were regulated by certain blasts on the trumpet, what we today should term "bugle calls." We, too, like these Jews of old, are marching through the deserts of life towards Heaven our fatherland, with like dangers to meet and overcome, and we serve in a great army, the Christian church. God has still His trumpet calls for us, though they do not sound upon the outward ear, but ring within our hearts.

"Reveille"

The first of them is "Reveille," the rouse-up in the morning (the name comes from the French *rev-eille*, meaning "to wake"). It is not a very popular bugle call in the army as this one-time infantryman can attest. Even as I pen these lines it brings up memories of cold mornings in the ski cantonment in Pando, Colorado, where I frequently unlaced my tent door to welcome (?) 40 below zero temperatures. More often than not the weather was so cold that I would have gladly crawled back into my warm blankets, but I knew it was my duty to rise and begin the day's work. And so, in human life, God calls us to wake from the sleep of danger, indifference, laziness and sin, to be up and doing in His service and warfare.

It is one of the functions of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, as proclaimed from our masthead each week, to sound the alarm in opposition to "modernism, worldliness and formalism." To do this we stand for "the verbal inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, His blood atonement, salvation by faith, New Testament soul winning and the premillennial return of Christ." Our two-fold aim is to "rouse-up" the unsaved to their dangerous position outside of Christ, and to "rouse-up" Christians to the dangers around them.

"Alarm"

A second call, mentioned in the above text, is the "Alarm." Even after a soldier has gotten up and put on his uniform and equip-

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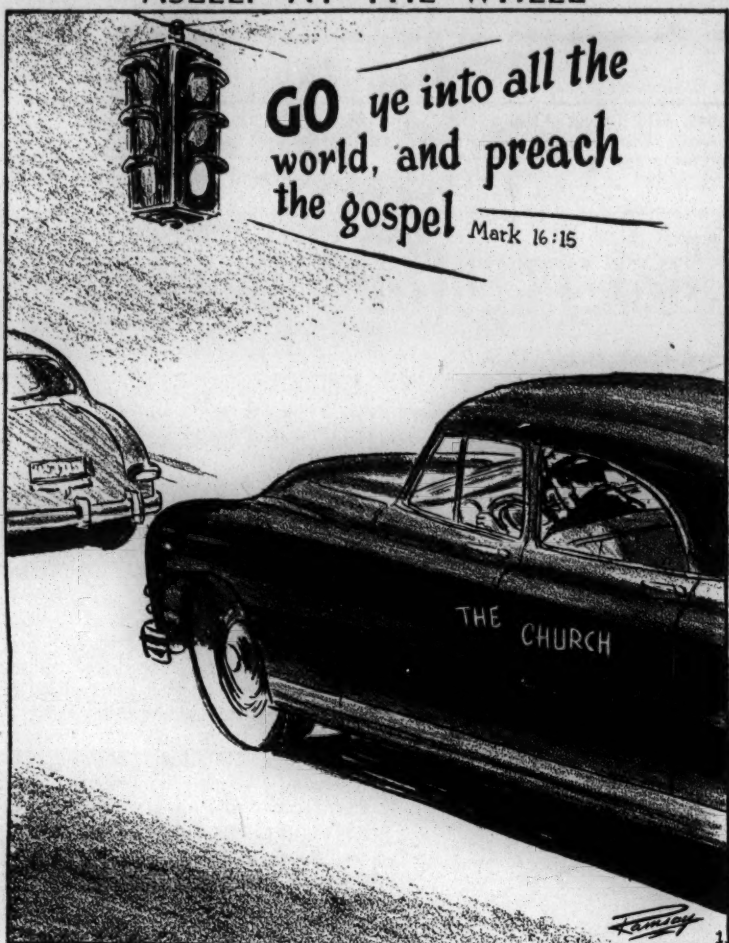
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HURRY!

The Gospel at a Glance

By Charles L. Ramsay

ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL



This is another in a series of original Christian cartoons drawn by Charles L. Ramsay which have been appearing weekly in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. The first edition of 191 Christian Cartoons has been completely exhausted. A second edition is in preparation and will be announced when ready.

"Highway 51"

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What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a home where daily bread
For the body is provided,
But the soul is never fed.

What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a family out at sea,
Compass lost and rudder broken,
Drifting, drifting thoughtlessly.

Cling to the Word of God—it changes not.

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"The Bible is a rock of diamonds, a chain of pearls, the sword of the Spirit, a chart by which the Christian sails to eternity, the map by which he daily walks, the sun-dial by which he sets his life, the balance in which he weighs his actions." So let us join in saying:

Praise God for the Bible,
Which comes like a friend,
To counsel and comfort,
To guide and defend.

Praise God for the Bible
Far better than gold,
The words of sure promise,
Its pages unfold.

Praise God for the Bible,
That kills like a sword,
Our sins and wrong doings,
And fights for the Lord.

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Praise God for the Bible,
A lamp in our path,
To guide through life's journey,
And shadow of death.

Travel the New Year with your Bible as your constant daily guide.

II. You Need Company

Highway 51 will be a lonely road without proper company. Very few people like to travel alone. We like congenial company as we journey.

For victorious travelling over Highway 51, let me suggest the company that you should have. First, you need Christ. No life is ever lonely that has Jesus. He is the Friend that sticks closer than a brother. His presence cheers us in the hours of discouragement. His nearness keeps us from evil in the hours of weakness.

Yes, you need Christ as company on the highway of life. Daily talk to Him in prayer. Converse with Him as you would with a friend you can see with your natural eyes. Obey His command to go and claim His promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Your life will never be the same after Christ begins to travel with you. Doubts and fears and forebodings will be your part until He walks by your side.

Sadness filled the hearts of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus until Jesus joined with them and gave them light. His company changed their attitude and their actions. Even the temperature of their hearts was changed by the presence of the Lord, for they said, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" Take Jesus with you on Highway 51.

Secondly, you need the Holy Spirit. If Christ is your Saviour, then the Holy Spirit has come in to abide in your heart. Of Him, Jesus said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit has a special work to perform in the life of the believer. One of His duties is to guide you into all truth. We need

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guidance. Our pathways will turn into bypaths of error without the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let the Spirit of God fill and possess your life. Let Him have not a part of you, but all of you. Surrender your all to God and pray, "O Spirit, fill and possess my heart and life."

Thirdly, you need Christian friends on Highway 51. Thank God for those who stand by us in the hours of need. All of us know the blessing of having spiritually-minded friends to be with us when the way is hard. There are no friends like Christian friends. The friends of the world do not abide in the hour of trouble, but Christian friends stand by us through thick and thin. The song tells us, "Make friends of God's children, Help those who are weak; Forgetting in nothing His blessings to seek."

III. For a Victorious Journey on Highway 51, You Need Faith

The year ahead will have many rough places in it. Let us accept now the assurance of God's presence and go forward by faith.

When God says, "Go," let us go. When God says, "Stop," let us stop. We may not always know why He gives such directions, but let us be obedient and trust in Him.

Don't ask to understand all things nor to see the distant scene. Live one day at a time. Walk with the Lord, trusting in Him to guide each step.

Don't be surprised at having hardships and trials. Rather expect them. This world is full of sorrow and woe. Sooner or later some of it will touch you.

Highway 51 will have a number of detours for some of you. There will be detours of sickness, perhaps long periods when we may leave the paved highway for the rough detour road. There may be detours of sorrow—death may invade your family, and for a time tears will be your portion. There will doubtless be detours of disappointment. The smooth highway will be left for the rough and tortuous detour. But, remember this—the detour is still the highway, and always brings you back to the main thoroughfare.

Again, don't be surprised if you come to an impossible place in your life. There are times when we feel that we have gone just as far as we can. Remember God specializes in leading His children through impossible places.

Have you come to the Red Sea place in your life,
Where, in spite of all you can do,
There is no way out, there is no way back,
There is no other way but through?

Then wait on the Lord with a trust serene,
Till the night of your fear is gone;
He will send the wind, He will heap the floods,
When He says to your soul, "Go on."

And His hand will lead you through—clear through—
Ere the watery waves roll down;
No foe can reach you, no wave can touch,
No mightiest sea can drown.

The tossing billows may rear their crests,
Their foam at your feet may break;

But over their bed you shall walk dryshod,
In the path that your Lord will make.

Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Faith joins you to Christ. What Christ has, you have. As He is victorious, so will you be in Him.

How can you get faith? By believing God. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Walk by faith daily. Keep your faith bright and shining.

Years ago I saw a miser dig his money out of a hole in the ground in the cellar of his home. The money, as it was poured out upon the table, was corroded and tarnished. Why? Because it had not been used. So it is with faith. We can let it corrode in some dark corner, or we can let it become bright with use as we daily walk by faith in God. On Highway 51 you need faith. Without question, difficult days are ahead of us. The war situation is dark and somber. More and more boys will be marching away to the battlefields. This hour calls for faith in God!

IV. Take Advantage of All Opportunities To Serve

As we travel Highway 51 we will have a multitude of opportunities to serve God and our fellowman. Let us resolve now to take advantage of each one. This is another step in happy and victorious living.

Lend a helping hand to those who are less fortunate than yourself. Don't be so quick to turn away from those in need. Those of us who would imitate Christ must help others, for our Saviour was One who went about doing good.

Look all around you, find someone in need,
Help somebody today.
Though it be little, a neighborly deed;
Help somebody today.
Some are discouraged and weary in heart,
Help somebody today;
Someone the journey to Heaven should start,
Help somebody today.

Secondly, comfort the sorrowing. Around us are those whose lives are flooded with grief. Let us not overlook a single opportunity to give all the comfort we can. Jesus never overlooked an opportunity to dry the tears of those in sorrow.

Thirdly, help the drifting Christian. Our own city is full of those who profess to know Jesus Christ, but now can only be classified as indifferent and drifting Christians. Let us make sure that we are not in this class, and then let us use every opportunity to point men and women back to God. Paul says, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." In my daily visitation I meet many who claim to have had

an experience of grace, but are now following afar off. In many cases they do not know how to get back in fellowship with God. It is my business and it is yours to direct them back to the place of fellowship and blessing. We must show them the promise of I John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us not place other stumbling blocks before the drifting one, or criticize them further, but let us help them regain the fulness of joy in Christ.

Finally, let us take advantage of every opportunity to witness to the lost and to warn them of their danger. Many will have bloody hands at the end of Highway 51 because of failure in this regard. Ezekiel 33:8 says, "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."

Along the highway of the New Year we will meet those who are lost and condemned. With all earnestness may we point them to Jesus and show them the danger of rejection.

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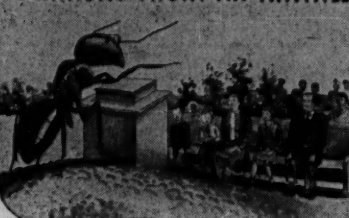
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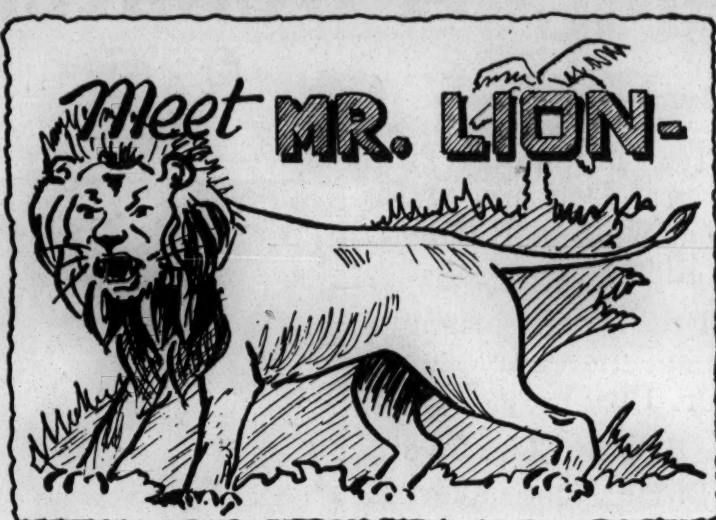
Uncle Walter's Animal Stories

By "Uncle Walter" L. Wilson

The lion is a big cat. It belongs to the cat family. It has claws like a cat, not like a bear or a dog. The bear's claws stick out all the time and so do the dog's claws, but the lion's claws and the tiger's claws are like those of a cat. The lion can stick its sharp claws out and then pull them into its paws again. God made the lion so that when it takes hold of an animal, it can pull back its claws and fasten the flesh so that the victim is held as if it were in a vise. It has what are called *retractable* claws. They are like the retractable gears on an airplane which pull the wheels into the bottom of the plane so that you cannot see them. The dog cannot pull his claws into his paws, but all cat animals can.

Jesus is called the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. He will wonderfully protect His own because they belong to Him, but He is fierce and strong against those who live in their sins and do not want to be Christians. Little friends, you will need to decide whether you want Jesus to be the Lion that is for you or the Lion that is against you. Open your Bible and read Revelation 5:5.

Lions are noble animals. I am told that they seldom attack a man unless they think he is trying to hurt them. It is usually the old lions that attack the na-



tives in the forest because they have found that they can capture a man more easily than they can capture animals which run so rapidly through the woods.

The lion has a very beautiful face. Its face does not describe its feelings nearly so plainly as a person's face does. When you look at a person's face closely, you can tell whether he is happy, angry, discontented or satisfied. But the lion's face looks contented and satisfied nearly all the time. Even when the "king of beasts" is fighting over a piece of meat in the cage its face looks rather calm and placid. You will never see a lion look as though he is afraid of anything. I suppose that is the reason God said in His Bible that the faces of the men of Gad were like the faces of lions. They were busy fighting for their king but they were calm and quiet in their

spirits while they were doing it. (I Chronicles 12:8).

A lion has tremendous power in its jaws and it can extend those jaws somewhat as a large boa constrictor does. When a lion takes hold of something, he holds on tightly and his prey cannot get away from him easily.

A lion in a New England zoo was walking in the little yard behind his cage. He stepped on a thorn which the wind had blown there, and his paw became infected. It became very sore and swollen. My, how it did hurt! The poor lion suffered terribly because of it. The keeper tried to chloroform the lion so that he could open the paw, but the animal tore down the blankets which were hung around the cage and tore the cotton that had the chloroform on it. Then the keeper had a bright idea. He went into the city and bought the knee joint of a dead horse. He bought the biggest joint he could find and took it back to the zoo. He let the lion go without food for two days. Then he put this meat on the end of a long pole and held it against the bars of the cage. The lion jumped at it quickly and with both the good paw and the sore paw tried without success to pull the meat through the bars. That was just what the keeper wanted.

On the end of another pole he fastened a very sharp knife. He plunged the knife into the lion's sore paw so that all the infection poured out. Then, quickly, he took another pole covered with cotton, on which he had placed a strong antiseptic, and pressed that into the wound he had cut. This did the work and the lion's paw healed.

Another very interesting incident happened several years ago during an animal exhibition at a circus. Claude, the lion tamer, brought the lions into a large cage and had them jump on the top of the high pedestals or shelves hanging on the sides of the cage. Then came the pumas, the leopards, a panther, a wolf, a shepherd dog and several tigers. The tigers were made to sit on the bottom row of shelves next to the ground. The lions were commanded to sit on the top pedestals because they would not jump down on the animals below them. The tigers, however, will jump on whatever is below them, and so the trainer had to put them on the bottom shelf, next to the ground.

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the tiger to confuse him. Claude cracked his whip and ordered the tiger to come down on the ground and roll over.

The big tiger stepped slowly off the pedestal, lay down and rolled over, but with his hind leg he pushed himself along the ground toward Claude. Claude backed up a little bit and cracked the whip and commanded the tiger to roll over again. The animal repeated

what he had done before and pushed himself even farther toward the trainer. By this time the trainer was near the edge of the cage and the tiger was not far away. Again he cracked the whip and commanded the tiger to roll over.

This time the tiger lunged toward Claude, knocked him down and buried his teeth in Claude's arm. At that moment, quick as a flash, big Leo, the lion, jumped from the top of the cage and leaped on the tiger. This broke the tiger's hold upon Claude's arm and the snarling beast seized the tiger with his mouth and few teeth and they rolled in the grass fighting.

By this time Claude's helpers had come and pulled the trainer through the door of the cage. Then with their pistols shooting and

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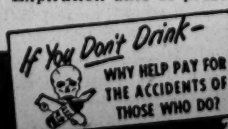
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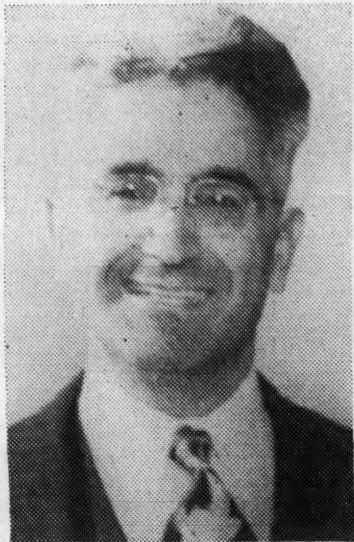
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Storehouse Tithing: A Debate!

Yes



Dr. Gabriel R. Guedj

Question: "Resolved That Storehouse Tithing is the Proper Scriptural Doctrine of Financial Stewardship." Dr. Gabriel R. Guedj affirms, Editor John R. Rice denies.

Does God require all tithes of Christians to be given through the local church treasury? Dr. Guedj says, **Yes**; Dr. Rice says, **No**.

In the first part of the debate (*The Sword of the Lord*, Jan. 5, 1951) Dr. Guedj averred "The Local Church is God's Appointed Storehouse" and Dr. Rice countered with "The Bible Does Not Teach that all Tithes Should be Given Through a Local Church Treasury." They continue as follows:

STOREHOUSE TITHING IS THE SCRIPTURAL STEWARDSHIP METHOD ENJOINED UPON BELIEVING CHURCH MEMBERS

By Rev. Gabriel R. Guedj, D.D. Pastor
Memorial Baptist Church, Fresno, California

First of all, to maintain a clear record, when my brother, Dr. Rice, in his first article repeatedly and effectively uses the phrase, "Dr. Guedj says it is wrong . . ." not less than five times, he conveys the impression that I am carrying the **NEGATIVE** side of the issue. It is a **FACT** that I **AFFIRM** that the local church is God's appointed storehouse for His people's tithes. I now reaffirm that the **ONLY KIND OF TITHING THE BIBLE TEACHES IS STOREHOUSE TITHING**.

The negative column on the first article by Dr. Rice, referring to Malachi 3:10, states that the storehouse mentioned in Malachi is "not a church house where preachers preach the Gospel," and further, that "it is a place of sacrifice where animal sacrifices under the ceremonial law are killed. . . ." Now this circumscription of the tithe to the Temple, as an edifice, (not now in existence) and to the city of Jerusalem, if carried to its logical end, Brother Rice leaves the message of tithing only in the hands of the Jews and your literalism will leave the believer of this dispensation without a "more sure word." But believing church members, being the inheritors of the promise, being the spiritual heirs of Abraham "who is the father of us all" (Romans 4:16) also appropriate the specific responsibilities under Scriptural tithing, which is storehouse tithing for the believer of this dispensation as it was for the faithful Hebrews of the former.

Those who fail to see this become eclectic and selective in the things which they ought to obey in the Word of God and play into the hands of those legalists like the Mormons and Seventh-Day Adventists who accuse us of lawlessness and antinomianism — sometimes rightly.

God gave to Israel this commandment that the tithe, whether of produce or what-not is immaterial, be brought "unto the place which Jehovah your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put His name there" (Deut. 12:5).

Thus Malachi's mention of the "storehouse" is in line with God's previous commands and is most certainly NOT ABROGATED BY OUR LORD for He says "these [tithing as taught in the Old Testament, which is storehouse tithing and none other] ought ye to have done . . ." (Luke 11:42 & Matt. 23:23). Now, if those who disagree with this exposition of our Lord's teaching will say—as they do—"Jesus told this to the Jews of His day, and not to Christians," then friends if WE APPLY THIS LOGIC TO ALL OF JESUS' TEACHINGS, THE GOSPELS HAVE NO MESSAGE FOR CHRISTIANS and we may as well do only what seems right in our own eyes, for we have no authoritative word.

But, thank God, there are yet

legions of believers whose understanding of Scriptural stewardship is a bulwark against the chaos and the disgrace of modern day "giving." Behold a nation with an economy measured in \$254,000,000,000.00 (254 billions of dollars), giving for all benevolent and charitable as well as religious purposes LESS THAN 3%! The churches of all religions receiving less than 1%!

The very debacle of modern giving points to "something wrong" with stewardship teaching. In effect, those who castigate "storehouse tithing" as legalism, lest they should not share in the "benevolence" of their listeners, are actually teaching a sort of "self-determination" in matters of stewardship which has become "selfish determination" to the injury of all good causes!

Saint Paul, by the Holy Spirit, lay down the principle of giving in I Corinthians 16:2 and definitely states that the believer bring the tithe "in store." To quote Dr. Sam Bradford, Pastor of Beth-Eden Baptist church of Denver, Colorado: "All through Paul's writings his assumption is that the people shall bring their offerings to the community treasury of the church. It was money brought to such treasury that was taken to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. That money was to be entrusted for carriage to certain ones selected by the Christian community or the local church. It was the LOCAL CHURCH that in Philippians 4 had gathered support and sent to the Apostle Paul."

Brother Rice concedes the universality of tithing, but not storehouse tithing on the ground that "tithing does not necessarily need to be through the storehouse at all, the storehouse was part of the ceremonial law." Granted that the "ceremonial law" is not longer in effect, but the storehouse is still here! The local church. It is evident that the ceremonial law is the bath that served to wash the baby, but let us not throw the baby out with the bath—unless we want a different "baby"! Tithes were brought to the Temple, they were brought to Jerusalem, the Temple was a place of worship for God's people. The temple is gone, but the principle requiring

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— Part Two —

No



Evangelist John R. Rice

THE BIBLE DOES NOT TEACH THAT ALL TITHES MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH.

By Evangelist John R. Rice, D.D., Litt.D.

It is an honor to continue the debate with my distinguished brother and friend, Dr. Gabriel R. Guedj, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, Fresno, California, widely-known Conservative Baptist leader. I think that as well as any man in America, Dr. Guedj is prepared to present the case for so-called "storehouse" tithing. Unfortunately for Dr. Guedj, it seems the Scriptures are against his position.

Dr. Guedj affirms that "the only kind of tithing the Bible teaches is storehouse tithing." So he does say that it is wrong for any Spirit-filled Christian who feels led of God to send part of his gifts to support home missions or foreign missions or a Bible institute or a Christian college or a revival campaign directly, instead of sending them through the local church. Dr. Guedj teaches that if the local church will not send designated funds where the donor requests, then the church member is bound to follow the will of the local church instead of the leading of the Holy Spirit about where to send his gifts, if he is to remain in that church.

Dr. Guedj does not like "this circumscription of the tithe to the temple as an edifice." But that is exactly what the Bible teaches. The Bible never indicates that tithes must be carried to any other building than to the temple at Jerusalem. If Dr. Guedj thinks tithes ought to be brought to a local church house, then he has a very simple way to prove it—just bring a verse of Scripture that says that all tithes should be brought to the local church house. It was God who designated the temple as the place for the ceremonial sacrifices, that every tenth sheep, every tenth bullock, etc., should be brought there for sacrifice. I am just staying with the Bible.

Dr. Guedj also says, "But believing church members, being the inheritors of the promise, being the spiritual heirs of Abraham 'who is the father of us all' (Rom. 4:16) also appropriate the specific responsibilities under Scriptural tithing, which is storehouse tithing for the believer of this dispensation as it was for the faithful Hebrews of the former."

I think my distinguished brother made a mistake there. Here is the very heart of the situation. It is true that "Abraham is the father of us all," but the Levitical priesthood is not the father of us all! And Abraham never brought his tithes to a temple, or a church house at all! Genesis 14:18-20 tells us that Melchizedek came forth to Abraham, brought bread and wine, and Abraham "gave him tithes of all." If Christians are to follow Abraham, then every individual Christian will do what Abraham did; he will decide where God wants him to give his means and give them by the

leading of the Spirit of God. If he follows the ceremonial law and the Levitical priesthood, however (which we are forbidden to do) he would give tithes to the temple at Jerusalem or to some other ceremonial place.

This false idea that churches are patterned after the temple at Jerusalem appears continually, but it is always wrong. A church auditorium is not a "sanctuary." There is not even any record of church auditoriums in New Testament times. The preacher is not a priest. The pulpit is not an altar. Catholics and Episcopalians and formalists on this matter are wrong. Infant baptism is not given in place of circumcision. Masses are not to take the place of annual sacrifices.

I think Dr. Guedj makes a mistake to bring up Abraham in this connection, for Abraham's example proves Dr. Guedj wrong when he says, "The only kind of tithing the Bible teaches is storehouse tithing." Abraham paid tithes and he did not bring them to any storehouse, any temple, any local church! If Abraham is the father of us all, as Dr. Guedj rightly says, then neither should we!

Our brother thinks that the case for tithing will be greatly weakened if you cannot insist that people must bring their tithes to a local church, to be passed on by the pastor or deacons through the church treasury. No; what is wrong about poor giving is poor consecration. More ritualism, more church authority over the conscience of an individual will not make for better giving. But that argument does not strengthen Dr. Guedj's case. If Dr. Guedj believes in storehouse tithing, he should find it proven in the Bible and not argue for it because he thinks it would get more money for causes he wants supported.

Our brother quotes Dr. Sam Bradford, a noble friend, as saying, "All through Paul's writings his assumption is that the people shall bring their offerings to the community treasury of the church." But both Dr. Guedj and Dr. Bradford forget to say where Paul said anything of the kind! Actually in I Corinthians 16:2 Paul plainly said that each Christian should "lay by him in store," that is, keep under his own control but separate from his own money, the tithe.

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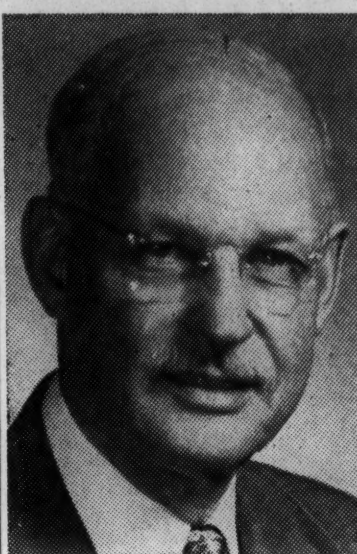
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Dr. Walter L. Wilson

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the bringing of tithes to the place of worship is Scripturally still valid, and will be 'till Jesus comes.

Some argue against storehouse tithing on the ground that it is a "Mormon idea," a "Southern Baptist idea," a "Catholic idea," a "Seventh-Day Adventist idea," etc. Let me warn against this type of discreditation. In my college days we were cautioned not to resort to arguments "ad hominem," that is, against the person. Let us face arguments, reasons, logic. Let us not summon prejudices against Mormons, Romanists, Southern Baptists. I for one will go on record in this statement: IF ALL BIBLE-BELIEVING CHRISTIANS GAVE OF THEIR TITHES AS FAITHFULLY (to say they are compelled to do so is simply not true for none of those people are compelled to belong to their particular denomination) AS DO THE MORMONS AND THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, instead of there being 20,000 American missionaries there would be not less than 200,000 storming the

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A pertinent question comes to the fore just now relative to "storehouse tithing," which is the only kind mentioned in Scripture. It is this: "Why the opposition to storehouse tithing and when did it begin?" Part of my answer will have to await my third and final article, (before summation and rebuttal) when we shall consider this topic:

"Departure from storehouse tithing practice is the cause of confusion, missionary weakness, local church impotence and inadequate support of Christian ministries outside the church."

However, I wish first to quote Dr. Clearwaters of Minneapolis, for ten years Dean of the Northwestern Schools, who answers the question: "Is storehouse tithing Scriptural?" in a syndicated arti-

cle thus:

1.- "In all Scripture references 'tithing' and 'storehouse tithing' are synonymous.

2.- "No Scripture authorizes or instructs the individual to distribute his tithe.

3.- "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth" (Matt. 6:1-4) was spoken of "alms" and not the "tithe." "Alms" were personal gifts beyond the tithe and Jesus instructed the individual to distribute them secretly.

4.- "For those who say 'The New Testament does not teach either tithing or storehouse tithing,' we wish to ask, 'Does the New Testament abrogate either by name?' We know of no such abrogation."

Having shown from the Scriptures that the Local Church is God's appointed storehouse in my first article, and also pointed out that the only kind of tithing taught in Scripture is storehouse tithing, it becomes evident, with the overwhelming weight of Scripture and history, that storehouse tithing is the Scriptural stewardship method enjoined upon all believing church members.

Storehouse Tithing: NO

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Paul could have said, "Let every one of you on the first day of the week bring his tithe to the church"; but Paul did not say that nor anything like that, and did not even infer it. Neither did Peter, James, John, nor Luke. We had just as well face the plain fact that, just as there is no statement in the Bible that talking in tongues is the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, or that sprinkling is baptism, so there is no clear statement in the Bible that all of a Christian's tithes and offerings should be brought to the local church. It is not there. Good people only infer it, I suppose, because they think it will raise more money for a church and their denomination and keep the gifts of church members more in the control of the local church and of denominational leaders. You understand they mean to do right and think it would be best and therefore they seek to find inference for it in the Bible though the Bible nowhere clearly teaches it.

Not a single theologian of note, not a single great commentary that I know anything about, affirms this so-called "storehouse

tithing" as a Bible doctrine—not Strong nor Hodges; not Broadbush, Matthew Henry, nor Jamieson, Fausset and Brown, nor Spurgeon. This so-called doctrine of storehouse tithing is new, and is not accepted by the great theologians of the past, has no clear support in the New Testament. And Christians should be afraid of such new doctrines.

My good friend, Dr. Richard Clearwaters, is quoted as saying, "Does the New Testament abrogate storehouse tithing?" Well, since the Old Testament never did teach bringing tithes to a local church, the New Testament never mentions such a doctrine either to abrogate it or to reaffirm it. But when the temple was done away with, then bringing tithes to the temple was done away with. When ceremonial sacrifices were done away with, then the instructions of bringing every tenth animal for these sacrifices was abrogated.

And it will not do to separate tithes and offerings since the only Scripture in the Bible which mentions bringing tithes to a storehouse (Malachi 3:7-10) speaks of

tithes and offerings and says Jews had robbed God of both in not bringing them to the temple.

Again let me kindly remind our readers that Dr. Guedj has not given a single clear statement in the Bible that Christians should bring all their tithes and offerings to the local church treasury. I have shown that in the Old Testament Jews brought both tithes and offerings to the temple at Jerusalem for ceremonial sacrifices under the Levitical priesthood as a part of the ceremonial law. I have shown that the temple was not a church, that there was no preacher, no sermon, no auditorium, no public worship in the sense of our church services today. And these tithes would not support home missions, foreign missions, schools, hospitals, benevolences, or revivals. They would not even support pastors or pay for preaching the gospel. Bringing tithes to the temple was ceremonial law purely and simply supporting the Levitical priesthood and providing animal sacrifices. On the other hand, New Testament Christians are commanded to lay the Lord's part by them, in store, and to give "every man as he purposes in his heart," according to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

God's Bugle Calls

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Life's Important Question

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scarlet robe and a crown of thorns, and placed a reed in His right hand for a scepter. They mocked Him, they spit on Him, they smote Him, they stripped Him again and put on His clothes and bound upon His back the heavy instrument of His death and led Him away to crucify Him.

I have in my library a strange book entitled, *Letters From Hell*, and among other scenes depicted is one of a stream running through the lost world and by its edge kneels a man busily engaged in washing his hands. The man's face is pictured with despair, for he has washed long and hard with little success. Presently some one touches his shoulder and asks, "Pilate, what are you doing?" He lifts his hands and they are as red as the blood of the Son of God can make them; he utters a shriek that goes sounding along the corridors, crying out: "Will they never be clean? Will they never be clean?" Poor Pilate, they never will; they never will.

I. The Most Important Question

"What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

This is the most important question any man in this world has been called upon to answer. Why? Because everything that is really worthwhile both in this life and in the life to come depends upon the answer given to it. People think they are going to find happiness and peace of mind and satisfaction of soul in a dozen other ways, but they never do.

Did Lord Clive find it? He tried to find it in the applause of this world. But the most tragic example of the utter futility of fame to bring peace and happiness and satisfaction is that of Lord Clive, the founder of the British-Indian Empire. His father wrote to him, "Son, hurry home; the nation is wild over your success." He was given a peerage and a ceaseless stream of gold poured into his purse. When he appeared in the streets people rushed to the doors, and cheered and bowed to do him honor. And yet, with the applause of the people ringing in his ears he climbed up into the garret, put a pistol to his head and sent a bullet through his brain.

Did Lord Byron find it? He tried to find it in the pleasures of this world. He went the limit, but when he was only thirty-six he wrote: "My days are in the yellow leaf." He said, "The flowers and fruits of love are gone," and he had nothing left but "the worm, the canker and the grief."

Dr. A. J. Gordon one time met an old man going up to the house of the Lord and he said to him: "My friend, you seem to be pretty happy and cheerful for an old man."

"I have a right to be, and good reason for it," said the old man.

"But," replied the good doctor, "everybody is not so happy; why should you be?"

"Because I belong to the Lord," said the old man.

"Well, what about old people who don't belong to the Lord; are they not happy?" asked the doctor.

"No, not one," replied the old man as his form straightened and something of inspiration lit up his face. "Listen, please, to the truth from one who knows; then wing it round the world, and no man of three-score years and ten will be found to dispute it: 'The Devil has no happy old men!'"

But listen to the Lord God Almighty, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." There is no joy like the joy of the Lord.

And then what are you going to do when the night comes? I mean the night of sorrow and bereavement, when the doctor steps back and says, "I have done all that I can do," and relatives and friends walk on tiptoe and say, "The end has come," and the undertaker comes with the shroud and the casket?

And then what about the life to

come? I notice that millionaire Cone has built, or tried to build, a burglar-proof grave. The walls are eight feet thick; made of solid concrete, and reinforced with iron rods above, below, and on all sides. He seems to be worried lest someone come and steal his body. This is the same thing that "King Tut" did, and the Pharaoh who built the first pyramid, and other heathen

mistakes and failure and sin—but I have the mighty, glorious Son of God to stand by me and let His righteousness take the place of mine. Again, I say, isn't it great to have a Saviour like that? "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

II. A Question Every Man Must Answer

In the second place, this is a question that every man must answer. You must do something with Him. The infidel and the un-

believer have tried terribly hard to get rid of Jesus—to explain Him away; but they still have Him on their hands just as much as Pilate ever had.

Infidel Strauss said he was the creation of imagination like the mythological characters of ancient Greece and Rome. Infidel Rousseau gave us to understand that He was a good man, the best man that ever lived, but that this Son of God talk was all gratuitous. And then infidel Ingersoll came along and saw that Jesus couldn't be

good and at the same time lay claim to what he knew was false, and so Ingersoll was kind enough to say that Jesus was self-deceived, and actually thought He was the Son of God.

Well, one of the three things, of course, He must have been. He was self-deceived, or He was the biggest impostor the world has ever known, or He was just what He claimed to be—divine, the only begotten Son of God.

Suppose we accept the first al-

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ternative. Can you believe for one single minute that the influence of the life and teachings of Jesus, which has kept much of this old world marching straight on its way to God for two thousand years, has been the influence that came from the life and teachings of a man who was mentally unbalanced, a self-deceived enthusiast?

Suppose we accept the second alternative. Can you believe for one single minute that the influence which has taught us to honor womanhood, and revere old age, and care for infant life; that has touched this old world with all the beauty of holiness it has ever had, has been the influence that came out of the life and the teaching of a man who was an impostor?

Well then, if Jesus was not mentally unbalanced, and was not an impostor, then by every law of logic and by every principle of intelligence He must have been what He claimed to be—divine, the only begotten Son of God.

You must do something with Him. You are up against this question just as much as Pilate was. Look at Pilate—vacillating, plastic, pliable, Pilate—how he tried to wriggle out of the place he was in, so that he wouldn't have to make a decision! Three times he said, "I find no fault in Him." Twice he said, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Once he said, "I will chastise Him and let Him go." He sent Him to Herod. He tried to use the annual pardon for Him, but he couldn't placate the crowd clamoring for His blood, and failing in every attempt he stood at last face to face with the issue. Now which shall it be, Barabbas or Christ? Robber or Saviour? Leader of riots or Prince of Peace? Weak, cowardly, and irresolute, he made his choice, "Take Him and crucify Him."

O men and women, listen to me! It isn't necessary to lie in order to be a sinner; it isn't necessary to steal, or to be a drunkard, or a gambler, or a harlot—oh, no. All sin starts in the same way, and that is in rejection of Jesus Christ. That God-forsaken, infamous Pharisee who folded his arms over his self-righteous, unholy heart and cried, "Crucify him," rejected Him just as much and was just as guilty as the vile rascal who spit in His face, or the coward who threw a stone at Him as they led Him down the street, or the howling mob and the soldiers who drove the nails through His hands and through His feet, and put the crown of thorns upon His blessed brow.

Every liar rejects Christ; every murderer rejects Christ; every thief rejects Christ; every prostitute rejects Christ. That's the root of the whole thing. It starts there. And every soul in the lost world today is there not because he did one, or the other, or all of the things just mentioned, but he is there, or she is there, because he or she rejected Jesus Christ. "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

III. A Question You Must Answer Now

And now listen! Not only is this the most important question you have ever been asked to answer; not only is it a question you must answer; but it is a question you must answer now.

You say you will not decide now. But decide now, one way or the other, you must, even as you read the words of this printed invitation. And if you do not even now say, "I will" to Christ, every step you take when you have laid this sermon down will echo back, "I won't, I won't." "He that is not with me, is against me," said Christ.

Most people expect some day to become Christians. Even a pagan prophet said, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his!" But it is this unworthy spirit of forever putting off one's decision for Christ that pains the heart of God.

I have heard of a hunter who had a whistle that imitated the voice of a fawn, and one day when he blew upon it a beautiful doe put her head out of the thicket, wondering where the child was that was crying for its mother.

She saw the hunter with his rifle leveled at her, and though she knew he was her deadly enemy, though she trembled, she did not move. When the hunter saw that great exhibition of mother love he was moved with compassion and could not fire; he lowered his rifle and with a wave of his hand he scared her back into the thicket.

There are some people who think that because God is so good, and so longsuffering, and so forbearing, they can go on and ignore the claims of Christ and live as they please, and then bank on God's compassion to save them when they get ready to let Him do it.

That is the most unworthy thought that ever stirred a human breast. Really it is little, if at all, short of contemptible. Do you think that because God had been so patient that His Spirit will strive forever? God's patience is as great as His mercy, but who

knows that He is not giving you your last chance to be saved as you read these lines before you! Do now what you know you will be glad to have done when you stand in God's presence, as one day you must.

When the time comes that you must go out into the eternal world, would you rather go as infidel Hobbes went, saying, "I am taking a fearful leap into the dark," or would you prefer to go as McKimley, our martyred President, went, saying, "Nearer, my God, to Thee"? Would you rather go as Ingersoll went, without a song at his funeral, or as that dear man of God, Dwight L. Moody, went, saying, "God is calling; Heaven is opening; earth is receding"?

"What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" As you must make a choice, choose wisely, and let God prove His great love to you.

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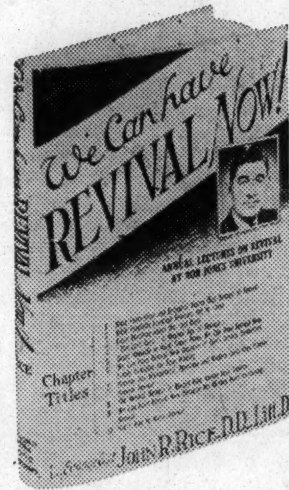
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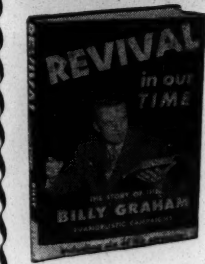
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